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REFERENCE:

RECONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT THERMAL ELECTRIC  
POWERPLANTS,  
NORTH VIETNAM

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BOARD DEPICTS THE REPAIR OF THE ONE  
REMAINING THERMAL ELECTRIC POWERPLANT (TPP)  
CAPABLE OF BEING RESTORED IN NORTH VIETNAM, AND  
THE FIRST EVIDENCE OF MAJOR EXTERNAL REPAIR AT ANY  
TPP.

2. LOCATION:

NAM DINH, NORTH VIETNAM. BEN THUY, NORTH VIETNAM,  
LOCATED 3 NM SE OF VINH

3. REMARKS:

SINCE THE BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM WAS HALTED, ALL  
OF THE PREVIOUSLY DAMAGED TPP HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN  
RESTORED TO AT LEAST PART OF THEIR ORIGINAL PRO-  
DUCTION CAPABILITY. OF A TOTAL OF 17 PLANTS, FOUR  
WERE UNTOUCHED AND 13 WERE STRUCK. CURRENTLY, 10  
OF THE STRUCK PLANTS HAVE BEEN RESTORED TO  
OPERATION WITH THE REMAINING THREE PLANTS ALMOST  
TOTALLY DESTROYED AND NO RECONSTRUCTION ATTEMPTS  
OBSERVED.

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4. MISSION READOUT: [REDACTED] HAS CONFIRMED THE RESUMPTION OF OPERATIONS AT THE BEN THUY TPP. A NEW COAL PROCESSING SHED, COAL PILES, REPAIRS TO THE FLUE, AND THE ADDITION OF A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED WATER/WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM ARE EVIDENT. SMOKE IS OBSERVED EMANATING FROM THE TERMINUS OF THE FULE, CONFIRMING THAT THE PLANT IS IN OPERATION. THE EVIDENCE THAT ONLY TWO OF THE THREE FULES ARE CONNECTED SUGGESTS THAT THE PLANT IS OPERATING AT APPROXIMATELY TWO-THIRDS CAPACITY.

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[REDACTED] REVEALS MAJOR EXTERIOR REPAIR TO THE NAM DINH TPP. PREVIOUSLY, ONLY MINOR ROOF REPAIR OR SHED CONSTRUCTION HAD BEEN OBSERVED AT ANY TPP. THE PHOTOGRAPHY REVEALS TWO OF THE FOUR HEAVILY DAMAGED COOLING TOWERS BEING REPAIRED (AND SMOKE EVIDENCES THEIR USE ALTHOUGH STILL IN A STAGE OF REPAIR), CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW COAL STORAGE AND PROCESSING BUILDING, CLEARING ACTIVITY, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A U/I STRUCTURE. REPAIRS TO THE BOILER HOUSE ROOF CONTINUE AND THE FIJE SYSTEM APPEARS INACTIVE. SMOKE IS OBSERVED EMANATING FROM BOTH THE OLD AND THE NEWER BOILER HOUSE.

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